



XII INTERNATIONAL PAPILLOMAVIRUS WORKSHOP

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Dear Dr. McAllister:

We are writing to seek your support for the 12th International Papillomavirus Workshop which will be held in Baltimore, September 26 - October 1, 1993. As you know, this field has expanded enormously over the last decade as a result of collaborative efforts among clinicians, pathologists, epidemiologists, and laboratory scientists. There is great excitement in the field because the etiologic role of human papillomavirus (HPV) infections in cancer, especially cervical cancer, which is the second most frequent female malignancy in the world, appears to have been established. Diagnostic reagents are being developed and tested for their utility in cervical cancer screening programs and in patient management. Attempts are also underway to develop preventive immunization and immune therapy for this disease.

The annual International Workshop is the single most important meeting in the papillomavirus field which will bring together about 600 investigators from universities, industry and government representing over 30 countries and a large number of disciplines, including clinical medicine, gynecology, dermatology, otolaryngology, pathology, epidemiology, immunology, probe technology, virology, and molecular biology. The format of the meeting will include plenary talks from experts in the papillomavirus field and in related areas, short platform presentations, about 400 poster presentations and informal workshops on issues of special interest. About 15 scientific sessions will cover a broad range of topics including gene expression, replication, transformation, immunology, clinical diagnosis and treatment, pathogenesis and epidemiology. In addition to the scientific sessions, two social events are planned, a reception on 26 September and a banquet on 30 September.

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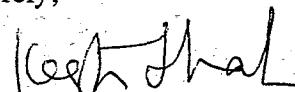
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In the past, we have received generous corporate support for the Workshop, and this has been a key factor in its success. This support has contributed to our ability to attract world-renowned speakers, to cover travel expenses of young investigators who might otherwise not be able to attend, and to subsidize social events. Because a significant proportion of the attending investigators are doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows, we try to keep the registration fee as low as possible.

Gifts of any size are most welcome and will be deeply appreciated. They are tax deductible. All companies making donations of \$500 or more will be acknowledged in the Program and Abstracts book which all participants receive. You will receive a complimentary copy of the book. Companies making donations of \$3,000 or more will be acknowledged as "Major Sponsors of the Workshop". In addition, a major sponsor contributing \$5000 or more will be listed in the program as sponsoring a specific scientific session or a social event, according to the choice of the sponsor. Feel free to call (410-955-3189) or write to me if you have other ideas for the use of your gift and for recognition of your support. Please make checks payable to Johns Hopkins University, marked 1993 International Papillomavirus Workshop, and send to PO Box HPV, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, 615 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD 21205.

We thank you, in advance, for your support.

Sincerely,



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